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Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Some weeks ago our good friend George Herman passed along to me a letter you had written him concerning a report I broadcast about Willie Somerset of Miami. You asked for a transcript of that report and, I confess, I managed inadvertently to bury your letter in my files without answering. I am asking New York for a transcript and will forward it to you at the earliest opportunity.

As you pointed out, I was careful with the story. But, at the time, I was not aware of Miami Magazine's excellent series by Dan Christensen.

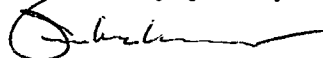
In back-checking the story I ran across Dan's articles, talked with Sylvan Meyer and Dan and came, ultimately, to the conclusion that the tangled story is something I should keep on file until the Assassinations Committee moves, if ever, in that direction.

I was unable to confirm that Somerset attended a labor meeting in Washington, D.C., as he claimed, or that such a meeting ever occurred.

I appreciate your interest in our coverage, which, as you can perceive, is so far limited simply to following the Committee's work. Their apparent lack of focus to date, I am sure, is reflected in the sporadic nature of my work. Perhaps they will someday make some legitimate news.

Again, my thanks for your interest.

Very truly yours,



James J. McManus